

IT'S a safe bet that Mrs. Wilson will attract just about as much attention as her husband in Kansas.

HOME EDITION

ENGLAND BACKS UP ON COAST BLOCKADE

No Radical Change of Policy Is Now Expected.

Sweden's Warlike Attitude Cuts a Swath.

U. S. PROTEST ADDS TO STORM

Blames Drastic Plan to "Firebrands of the Press."

John Bull Wants No More Neutrals After His Scalp.

Bulletin—In a speech in the house of commons this afternoon, Sir Edward Grey, British foreign minister, asserted that the government has no intention of declaring a blockade of Germany.

London, Jan. 26.—The British government has virtually decided to stand pat on its present trade regulations and will make no announcement of a blockade of the entire German coast in parliament this afternoon, the majority of well-informed parliamentary writers agreed today.

Only a few papers clung to the belief that the cabinet will announce a radical change of policy. The net thrown about Germany by existing regulations may be tightened in some respects. But it was the general belief of the newspapers that the cabinet has decided against so revolutionary a change in policy.

The storm of protest caused in the United States and Sweden, some of the newspapers broadly hinted, has cooled the ardor of advocates of the blockade. If it has not had its effect upon the government, the news papers gave prominent display to the warlike utterances of the Swedish premier in his "Welshman" speech yesterday and the Daily Telegraph and the Daily News cautioned the government against any action likely to involve Great Britain with neutrals.

Need United States Resources. "Firebrands of the press have demanded that we crush neutrals out of our path with a strong hand, but what will be the position of the entire allies if the vast resources of the United States cease to be at our command?" demanded the News.

There is reason to believe that the foreign secretary will announce this afternoon that the government has reached no important decision with reference to a change of its policy. The cabinet, however, may be content with the present measures, which, if apparently slow, are sure and which, hitherto have been adopted without any severance of friendly relations with the neutral powers. We have had experience with the possible consequences of impetuosity and overbearing conduct.

Formal debate on the blockade issue is expected to open on the beginning of a resolution endorsing such a drastic step by Sir Arthur Shirley Horn, conservative member of parliament, who is expected to be supported by the government with a sweeping denial of the charge that the present "blockade" has been ineffective.

ENGLAND REPLIES

Delivers Temporary Answer to Mail Holdup Protest.

Will Solicit France's Opinion Before Final Response.

London, Jan. 26.—The foreign office handed to the American ambassador today an interim reply to the American protest against the detention of mails. The note states that a formal answer to the representations of the United States, will be made as soon as the French government has signified its approval of the attitude of Great Britain.

It is understood the formal reply will defend the action of the British authorities by citing evidence that Germany have been abusing the privileges of first class mails. The British government will rely on the postal conventions adopted at The Hague for justification.

The United States protested to Great Britain last month against interference with mails between this country and Sweden. Large quantities of mail matter, particularly parcel post packages have been taken from a number of steamships and the parcels detained in British ports on voyages to the continent.

Grip Grips All Flock; Preaches on Grip of God

Hackensack, N. J., Jan. 26.—Himself chilled and fevered, with his tonsils, kids with whooping cough, furnace out and the parishioners having grip, Pastor Von Schuler preached on the text "As grip grip the world," at the special service at his church last evening. He raised his suppliant voice for divine power to rout the grip that grips all Hackensack.

Tin Spoons for Surgical Tools Save Her Life

Elkins, W. V., Jan. 26.—With two tin spoons, a pocket knife and a piece of rubber tubing as his instruments, Dr. H. W. Daniel of the Elkins hospital performed an operation on a woman apparently dying of diphtheria and saved her life, it was learned today.

Called to the mountain home of Mrs. Thurman Coberty, the doctor found the woman unconscious. Having no surgical instruments with him and realizing that death was near he made an incision in the woman's windpipe with his knife and using the teaspoons bent double as retractors he inserted rubber tubing.

Respiration was restored and within a few hours the patient regained consciousness and it is said today that her recovery is expected.

TURKS NOW SEEK PEACE

Diplomats Arrive in Switzerland on Treaty Mission—British Again Repulsed.

Zurich, Jan. 26.—The distinguished Turkish diplomats, Tansip Pasha Nedy Bey and Etim Bey, have arrived in Switzerland to prepare a scheme of Turkish peace proposals, the newspaper La Suisse declared today. Financial troubles, it was stated, have made Turkey desirous of peace.

Berlin, Jan. 26.—An official Turkish statement received here today says British forces in Mesopotamia made another attack upon the government against any action likely to involve Turkey in a war.

15 MILLION MEN

Official Estimate of Casualties in Present War.

Germany, Russia Heaviest Losers, 4 Million Each.

LOSS OF LIFE IS 3,000,000

Men Now Under Arms Number 21 Millions.

England's Loss Comparatively Light—110,000 Dead.

London, Jan. 26.—The gross casualties in the war up to the beginning of January exceed 14,960,000, according to the computations of a prominent statistician and student of war estimates. The basis for the figures is official and other reliable information. The number of killed is estimated at one in every five and prisoners taken average one in every seven or eight.

The expert's estimate of gross casualties suffered by each warring faction follows:

Russia	4,000,000
Germany	4,000,000
Austria-Hungary	2,800,000
France	2,800,000
Great Britain	500,000
Italy	300,000
Belgium, Serbia, Bulgaria and Turkey	1,000,000
Grand total	14,960,000

In the present war, at least 21,000,000 men are under arms.

Figures furnished by previous wars show that in the Balkan struggle of 1912-13, 2,000,000 were killed out of 1,250,000 engaged. In the Russo-Japanese war 555,000 were killed out of 2,500,000 engaged.

THE "WETS" HAVE IT

"Dry" Candidate in Louisiana Primary Loses by 35,000 or More.

New Orleans, Jan. 26.—Incomplete returns early today indicated the entire regular Democratic ticket headed by Ruffin G. Pleasant of Shreveport, present attorney general for the state, had been elected in Louisiana.

The gubernatorial nomination, had been successful at yesterday's state-wide Democratic primary election.

Pleasant's majority over Thomas C. Barrett, also of Shreveport, the present lieutenant governor, was estimated at 35,000 and 40,000. The prohibition question was one of the principal issues for governor. Pleasant advocating retention of the present local liquor laws, while Barrett favored a constitutional amendment for state-wide prohibition.

Pleasant's running mate was leading his four opponents for the lieutenant governorship by an apparent safe majority.

A NEW PRIME MINISTER

King Places Neutrality Party Leader at Helm in Greece.

Amsterdam, Jan. 26.—The serious state of affairs at Athens was emphasized today by a Budapest dispatch to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger reporting that M. Gounaris, prime minister, was succeeded by M. Soultzidis as prime minister.

The present premier recently offered his resignation on account of advanced age, but was induced to reconsider it. The approaching crisis in Greek affairs is said to have convinced Constantine that he must have an energetic man like Gounaris, the neutrality party leader, at the helm.

TO SLIGHT NO ONE

Webb and Wife Only Outside Guests at Presidential Dinner.

Executive Committee Sidesteps Ticklish Social Problem.

STATE OFFICERS ON PLATFORM

Tickets Will be Given to Governor for Distribution at Capitol.

Plans Completed for Big Parade on Kansas Avenue.

The local executive committee in charge of entertainment for the president's visit on Wednesday, February 2, sidestepped gracefully this noon, at a meeting of the Commercial club, when a question arose concerning the local and out-of-town guests to the governor's dinner for the president and his wife. All would-be guests were urged to sign up at the Commercial club, and his wife will be the only persons present outside Governor and Mrs. Capper, Dr. Grayson and J. P. Tumulty, the president's secretary.

At first it was decided to invite ten local and out-of-town people to the dinner. However, the committee soon discovered that this would probably cause much hard feeling. Hence the decision to invite no one excepting Mr. and Mrs. Webb.

The governor was given sufficient tickets to supply all supreme court justices and elective state officers with seats on the platform at the auditorium. The state officers to whom tickets will be given are: Earl Akers, state treasurer; W. R. Smith, state printer; J. T. Boklin, secretary of state; W. E. Davis, state auditor; C. J. Wilson, superintendent of insurance; S. M. Brewster, attorney general.

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JAP-CHINK CRISIS

Many Concessions Again Are Demanded of Chinese.

Mikado Desires Japanese to Act as Military Advisers.

London, Jan. 26.—The Japanese government has delivered to the Chinese minister in Tokyo, for transmission to his government, a note embodying seven demands which were included in the Japanese program of last spring, the Manchester Guardian learns from far eastern sources.

On January 18, 1915, Japan presented to China a list of twenty-one demands arranged in five groups. The first group related to the shantung province and to the concession to Japan of rights and privileges previously enjoyed by Germany in Shantung as well as new demands.

The Japanese demands:

Group two related to South Manchuria and to concessions there for leasing of property, trading, railroad operation and construction, the appointment of Japanese as political, financial and military advisers and other concessions. This group also included demands for special rights to be granted to Japanese regarding inner Mongolia. Group three referred to the Chinese coast and demanded that China proclaim that hereafter she would not yield or lease any coastal territory to any power.

Group five, known as the general group was the one which aroused most vigorous protest. It contained seven articles, the first regarding the employment of Japanese in the army.

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BOOST FOR MARSH

Topeka Santa Fe Man To Be Made Ass't Gen'l F't Agent.

R. B. Cunningham Promoted to Division Freight Agent.

Effective February 1, B. F. E. Marsh, division freight agent of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway, will become assistant general freight agent of the road with headquarters in Topeka.

On the same day, R. B. Cunningham, private secretary to J. R. Koonz, general freight agent, will be made division freight agent to succeed Marsh.

This change of the freight department under the supervision and appointment of J. R. Koonz, general freight agent, gives Topeka another office of the road. The office of assistant general freight agent given to Marsh is created to facilitate the work in this territory. It is the third assistant general freight agent office in this territory.

Mr. Koonz, R. G. Merrick and J. C. Burnett have been assistant general freight agents in Topeka for a number of years. Their offices are located at Chicago and a combination freight and passenger "assistant" office at Amarillo, Texas.

B. F. E. Marsh has been in Topeka many years. He has worked up from minor positions in the freight department to his present position, a position he has held for the last eight years. Cunningham has been in Topeka several years as private secretary to General Freight Agent Koonz.

The move comes as a deserving recognition to two faithful employees of the road.

When this story appeared in the noon edition, J. R. Koonz, general freight agent, called the State Journal by telephone and said that the report of the appointment was unauthorized. "No changes in the freight department have been announced, and the item will embarrass the gentleman named," he said.

Independent Phone Convention.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 26.—Independent Telephone company representatives are here today from all over Missouri attending the sixth annual convention of the Missouri Independent Telephone association. An operating school for local and long distance calls will be one of the features of the convention.

Reaper Cheats Old Bootblack Out of Fortune

New York, Jan. 24.—"John the Bootblack" was found dead in his room last night. His real name, which few knew, was John Cunco. He was 60 years old at least.

For a long period John had been shining boots in the financial district, and he had become a millionaire. It is believed that John had amassed a fortune that sufficed him; \$30 was seen in an old coat; a bank book showed savings of \$2,757.40, another \$571.40. A trip to Italy where John planned to live in affluence was soon to be taken. Steamship schedules were on the table in the sparsely furnished room.

Dr. Haines of Hudson street hospital, said John had been dead three days. No one missed him in that time.

AN EVIL PRACTICE

Jurists in Session Condemn Petitioning for Clemency.

Say Most People Don't Know What They Sign.

HE PRAYS BEFORE SITTING

Kansas Judge First to Invoke Blessing on Attorneys.

Inclement Weather Keeps Many From Attending Meeting.

Petitions for clemency or any other kind of petitions presented to district judges today at the ninth annual meeting in the supreme court rooms, Judge C. A. Smart of Ottawa, oldest judge in point of service present, brought up the discussion which led to a prayer for the prisoners.

"I would like to say something about this petition business," said Judge Smart. "It is a deplorable state of affairs when a judge acts according to the length or shortness of a petition. Few people realize what they are signing when they place their name on a petition."

An Example. "For example a petition asking for a parole signed by the county commission, sheriff and other officials was presented to me the other day. In drawing up the paper a mistake had been made and instead of asking for parole for a prisoner, the petition asked that the county officials be paroled. Yet people signed it."

Judge J. O. Ralston, Ottawa told of receiving petitions containing 400 names at various times during his judicial career. Often the names of the petitioners were not on the papers, the judge admitted, but many times these same persons came around to him privately and asked the judge not to act on the petition, saying that they had signed it merely for policy's sake.

Don't Know Case. "Most persons signing petitions (Continued on Page 2)

AGREE TO ACTION

Labor Convention Approves Acts of Parliament.

Unions to Assist English Government in War Moves.

Bristol, Jan. 26.—The British labor conference adopted today, by a vote of 1,847,000 against 204,000, a resolution entirely approving the action of the parliament in the war service. The resolution was carried by a vote of 1,847,000 against 204,000.

The compulsory service bill before the house of lords was attacked by the president of the conference, William Anderson, who has opposed the bill in parliament. He declared it did not redeem the pledge of Premier Asquith regarding conscription.

"No words can offer immunity from danger," he said. "We cannot have forced military service without the force of forced industrial service."

Mr. Anderson said there was danger in Great Britain's attempting the impossible by seeking to be simultaneously a great naval, military and industrial power.

Pledge to Assist. The first resolution was moved by James Sexton of the National Union of Dock Workers. The resolution expressed "the horror of the conference at the atrocities committed by Germany and her allies, and pledges the conference to assist the government as far as possible to prosecute the war successfully."

Mr. Sexton said the conference was not a pacifist organization, but that the war must be won. "If Germany wins," he continued, "nothing else on God's earth matters."

Ramsay MacDonald, labor member of parliament, appealed for toleration. He deprecated such a toleration resolution, which, he said, was calculated to interfere with labor's previous comradeship and fighting a common enemy. Sexton's motion was adopted by a card vote of 1,552,000 against 652,000.

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50 MILLIONS FOR MERCHANT SHIPS--WILSON

Administration Announces a Plan for U. S. Marine.

Uncle Sam Then to Lease His Vessels to Companies.

PHILIPPINES FREE IN 2 YEARS

Chairman of Islands Committee Presents New Bill.

Measure Providing 25 Million for Roads Passes House.

Washington, Jan. 26.—President Wilson summoned to the White House today leaders of the senate and house to learn their attitude toward the shipping bill, a tariff commission and the Philippines bill. He indicated to them that in addition to the preparedness program and revenue bills, those three measures would be the principal ones for the administration.

Most of the leaders with whom President Wilson consulted talked over the shipping bill in the last congress and he desired to know their position toward the new bill. He saw Majority Leader Kitchen of the house, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Navigation, and the Chairman of the House Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

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RAIN AND SLEET

All Outdoors Covered With a Sheet of Ice.

Rain Adds to Troubles; Snow Coming Tonight.

A cold wave, with temperatures below zero, is expected in the next 24 to 36 hours, according to a special warning sent out by the weather bureau at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. High winds, probably 25 to 30 miles an hour from the north will prevail.

A slow rain, that started at 9 o'clock this morning, was not sufficient to take away the ice, although the heavy coating was reduced to slush on the streets where traffic was heavy. The precipitation netted .36 of an inch up to 2 o'clock and there is a probability of more rain this evening, turning to snow as the mercury drops.

This morning the kids skated to school, but the rain put a stop to this sport. Street car traffic was delayed early this morning and several hours were required to restore the regular schedule. No serious accidents have been reported, but wagons and automobiles have had a hard time and numerous tumbles have resulted from the treacherous condition of the streets.

At 10 o'clock this morning the mercury had started on the decline, dropping 4 degrees in the hour following 1 o'clock. The reading at 2 o'clock was 27 degrees.

Ice in River is Breaking. The mercury rose slowly last night instead of falling, as was scheduled. The temperature at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening was 19 degrees, but by 8 o'clock this morning the thermometer showed a reading of 32 degrees.

The covering of ice, to a depth of three-tenths of an inch covers the ground, tree branches and roofs of houses. Another heavy snow is predicted for tonight.

The forecast calls for snow and sleet tonight and a heavy rain and snow tomorrow. The temperature probably will drop to 10 degrees at Topeka. The ice in the river is breaking and large floes are drifting down the river.

The precipitation last night was heavy and snow and a heavy sleet. Telegraph and telephone wires were heavily coated with ice, but owing to a lack of wind little trouble was experienced in the wire service. The wind this morning was making only eight miles an hour from the north-west. The covering of sleet down the state was the heaviest in years, according to the records.

The highest temperature on record for this date was 65 degrees in 1911. In 1904 the mercury was down to 10 degrees below zero. The low record for every date in January is below zero. The shippers' forecast indicates zero temperatures for 26 hour shipments north and west; east and south, 10 degrees.

Temperatures today averaged exactly normal. The wind blew at the rate of 10 miles an hour from the northwest. Following are hourly temperature readings for today:

7 o'clock	31	11 o'clock	31
8 o'clock	31	12 o'clock	31
9 o'clock	32	1 o'clock	31
10 o'clock	32	2 o'clock	31

Heavy Snow Near Atchison. Atchison, Kan., Jan. 26.—Rain and sleet from the north, which fell tonight, was followed by a heavy snow.

Atchison and vicinity with ice early today. Boys on skates glided along on sidewalks and pavements but other traffic was stopped. Sleet with the storm, and is barely below freezing.

West of Atchison on the Central Branch a heavy snow fell.

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"HAVE A SMOKE, MY LITTLE PRISONER?"



This six-year-old Serbian youngster, a prisoner in a German detention camp, is happy regardless of the fact that the whereabouts of his parents are unknown. His costume is a nondescript one, being made up of sawed off trousers and cast-off apparel. A German soldier is teaching him how to smoke.

MOVE TO TOPEKA MEETING OF BAR

Moving Picture Men of Kansas Arrange for Offices.

Carry Censorship Fight on to Promises To Be Largest in the 1917 Legislature.

Believe the Cost Should Justify a Competent Review.

Cite Instances of Incompetence and Unfairness.

Disgusted and distinctly peeved by the action of state motion censor board, Kansas exhibitors are preparing to wage an energetic fight on the ruthless slashing and rejection of pictures by the censors. Arrangements are being completed this week to open an office of the Amusement Association of Kansas in Topeka. From here the fight to keep screen features intact will be directed.

The amusement association that will take up the fight here is composed of the exchange men of Kansas City and the exhibitors in all parts of Kansas. More than 545 show owners hold membership in the organization.

J. E. Roland of Kansas City will have charge of the local office. He will confine his work mainly to seeing that censors exercise some discretion when using the shears.

Fight to Legislature. The fight over the moving picture censorship law will probably be carried before the legislature next winter. From every section of the country has come complaint concerning the enforcement of the state enactment. Now, it is stated, a fight will be made to repeal the law.

Report of judiciary committee, C. L. Hunt, chairman, Concordia. Report committee on legal education, Seward I. Field, chairman, Medicine Lodge.

Report of committee on professional ethics, Chester I. Long, chairman, Wichita. Report of Memorial committee, E. E. Glascock, chairman, Larned.

Kagey's Address Next. The reading of reports will consume the morning session. Right off the bat, in the afternoon session, will come one of the most sensational papers read before the association in years. It is the report of the association, the subject of which will be, "The High Cost of Justice."

Next will come the reading of the most meritorious papers of the senior law class of the State University on "Effect of Innocent Misrepresentation on Contracts." The last address of the afternoon session, "The Lawyer Outside of Court" will be read by T. A. Moxey, of Atchison. The report of the committee on uniform legislation and amendment of laws, S. H. Allen, Topeka, chairman, and miscellaneous business will end the afternoon session.

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